(b) The cess paid to Government of Karnataka is as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Rice	69.19
Maize	73.00

The balance of Rs. 14.96 lakh relates to transaction of July, 2001 and is being paid in August, 2001.

Benefits of Annapoorna and Antyodaya Schemes

2594. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that benefits of Annapoorna and Antyodaya schemes are not reaching at the grassroots;

(b) if so, the reasons for not scrapping these schemes;

(c) whether Government propose to raise monthly PDS allocation;

(d) if so, the quantum thereof; and

(e) by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), which was launched in December, 2000 has so far been implemented in 15 States and 3 Union Territories. At present monthly allocation of 66,837 tonnes of rice and 72,533 tonnes of wheat has been made under AAY for 55,74,675 Antyodaya families identified by the States/UTs. The implementation of Annapurna Scheme, though delayed in some States/UTs, the benefits are reaching the target group wherever it has since been implemented.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Government has increased the monthly allocation of foodgrains for BPL families from 20 kg to 25 kg from July, 2001.

BPL Families in Andhra Pradesh

2595. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified Below Poverty Line families in Andhra Pradesh to be covered under the Antyodaya Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have studied purchasing powers of these families which would enable them to purchase additional quantities of foodgrains;

(d) whether Government have also studied the possibilities of diversion of Antyodaya foodgrains to black markets; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard to ensure that benefits reach the desired sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) contemplates identification of poorest of the poor families and providing them with foodgrains @ 25 kg per family per month at highly subsidised rates—Rs. 2 a kg for wheat and Rs. 3 a kg for rice. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have identified the 6,22,800 beneficiary families fixed for the State. A statement showing the district-wise number of Antyodaya families identified by the State Government is enclosed. (*see* below)

(d) and (e) The Government of India has advised the State Governments/UT Administrations to substantially involve the Gram Panchayats in the supervision and monitoring of the Public Distribution System, especially at the Fair Price Shop level, as a measure of social audit. It is expected that the involvement of Panchayat Raj Institutions in the implementation of the targeted Public Distribution System including Antyodaya Anna Yojana at the grass roots level will make the System transparent and accountable and help check diversion of PDS commodities to a great extent.

Statement

District-wise number of Antyodaya Families Identified by the Government of Andhra Pradesh

S. No.	Name of the District	No. of Targeted families
1.	Srikakkulam	21298
2.	Vizianagaram	20824
3.	Visakhapatnam	29292
4.	East Godavari	30941
5.	West Godavari	27246
6.	Krishna	28015
7.	Guntur	30941
8.	Prakasam	28194
9.	Nellore	23468
10.	Kurnool	27088
11.	Ananthapur	26099
12.	Cuddapah	20687
13.	Chittoor	28963

S. No.	Name of the District	No. of Targeted families
14.	Ranga Reddy	29979
15.	Nizamabad	22589
16.	Medak	27308
17.	Mahboobnagar	32005
18.	Nalgonda	30453
19.	Warangal	32006
20.	Khammam	30178
21.	Karimnagar	29856
22.	Adilabad	32005
23.	Hyderabad	13365
	TOTAL:	622800

Free Foodgrains to drought hit States

2596. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated 11 lakh tonnes of foodgrains free of cost to the drought hit States for launching food-for- work programmes and out of which only 4.84 lakh tonnes have been lifted by them;

(b) whether out of the 1.5 lakh tonne foodgrains earmarked for cattle feed, only fifteen thousand tonne has been lifted; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The Government have allocated a quantity of about 21.!9 lakh tonnes of foodgrains free of cost to the States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh for Food for Work programmes in drought affected areas. The lifting by States as on 2.8.2001 was about 13.09 lakh tonnes. The State-wise details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Food Corporation of India was authorized to release the available stock of feed category foodgrains to the drought affected States. However, no specific quantity was earmarked for the purpose. So far about 24,000 MTs of feed category foodgrains have been lifted by the States.